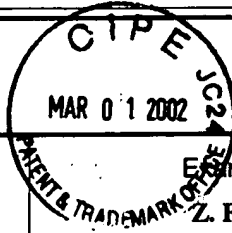


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
(Small Entity)

Docket No.
90337.imidaz

In Re Application Of: Francis X. Smith



Serial No.
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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of August 15, 2001 in the above-identified application.
Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month ☐ Two months ☒ Three months ☐ Four months ☐ Five months

from: 11/15/2001 until: 2/15/2002
Date *Date*

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

- ☐ is enclosed.
☒ has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the extension of time is \$460 and is to be paid as follows:

- ☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 10-0223
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 10-0223 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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